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DISENGAGEMENT OF SYRIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY PRESIDENT NIXON
MAY 29, 1974 ON THE AGREEMENT ON DISENGAGEMENT OF SYRIAN
AND ISRAELI FORCES:

QUOTE: LADIES AND GENTLEMENT, I HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT
WILL ALSO BE MADE TODAY IN JERUSALEM AND IN DAMASCUS. THE
ANNOUNCEMENT READS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED BY UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF
STATE DR. HENRY KISSINGER WITH SYRIA AND ISRAEL HAVE LED TO
AN AGREEMENT ON THE DISENGAGEMENT OF SYRIAN AND ISRAELI
FORCES. THE AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED BY SYRIAN AND ISRAELI
MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES IN THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI MILITARY
WORKING GROUP OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY -- THIS
FRIDAY -- MAY 31."

JUST,A WORD ABOUTTHE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. IT
IS OBVIOUSLY A MAJOR DIPLOMATIC ACHIEVEMENT, AND SECRETARY
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KISSINGER DESERVES ENORMOUS CREDIT FOR THE WORK THAT HE HAS
DONE, ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF HIS TEAM, IN KEEPING THIS
NEGOTIATION GOING AND FINALLY REACHING AN AGREEMENT WHEN AT
MANY TIMES OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS IT SEEMED THAT THE
NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BREAK DOWN.

ALSO, CREDIT GOES TO THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WHO HAD
GREAT DIFFERENCES WHICH HAD TO BE RESOLVED. I HAVE SENT

MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS TO PRIME MINISTER MEIR OF ISRAEL, AND ALSO TO PRESIDENT ASSAD OF SYRIA, CONGRATULATING THEM WITH REGARD TO THE STATESMANSHIP THAT THEY HAVE SHOWN IN RESOLVING DIFFERENCES THAT SEEMED TOTALLY WITHOUT ANY PROSPECT OF RESOLUTION A MONTH OR SO AGO AND EVEN, AS A MATTER OF FACT, SEVERAL TIMES OVER THE PAST MONTH.

THIS PARTICULAR AGREEMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE AGREEMENT THAT WAS REACHED EARLIER ON DISENGAGEMENT OF EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI FORCES NOW PAVES THE WAY FOR PROGRESS IN GENEVA AND, OF COURSE, WITH THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED, TOWARD OUR OBJECTIVE, AND WE TRUST THEIR OBJECTIVE AS WELL, OF ACHIEVING A PERMANENT PEACE SETTLEMENT FOR THE ENTIRE MIDEAST AREA.

HOWEVER, WE SHOULD HAVE IN MIND THAT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THESE TWO AGREEMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN SIGNED, OR HAVE BEEN REACHED, THAT THERE ARE MANY DIFFICULTIES AHEAD BEFORE A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT IS REACHED. HOWEVER, WHAT WAS A MAJOR ROADBLOCK TO ANY PERMANENT SETTLEMENT HAS NOW BEEN REMOVED, AND I THINK THE MOST DIFFICULT ROADBLOCK, THE ROADBLOCK BEING THE DIFFERENCES THAT HAD LONG EXISTED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA.

AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED, WE SHALL CONTINUE WITH OUR DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES, WORKING WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA TOWARD WORKING TOWARD ACHIEVING THE GOAL OF A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT, A PERMANENT PEACE, AND I CAN ONLY SAY THAT BASED ON THE SUCCESS IN REACHING THIS AGREEMENT IN WHICH THE DIFFERENCES WERE SO GREAT THAT, THE PROSPECTS FOR REACHING AGREEMENT ON A PERMANENT BASIS I THINK NOW ARE BETTER THAN THEY HAVE BEEN AT ANY TIME OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS.

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THANK YOU. END QUOTE. BROWN

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